

THE BOND



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Newsletter of the Norris Religious Fellowship
An Interdenominational Community Church

*"In things agreed
upon unity,
In other things
liberty, In all
things the will be
one."*

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OFFICE HOURS
Tuesday & Thursday

One look at the calendar for June tell us that we are well into the vacation season. Not much stirring and no big events on tap for this month. That's good. We all need a respite from the routine. Slacking off from busy-ness does the soul a lot of good.

In July, however, we will be working toward this year's ecumenical Vacation Bible School, which will take place July 17-19. The format will be similar to past years: we'll meet Monday and Tuesday at St. Francis Episcopal church for lessons and lunch. Wednesday's activities will take place here at the Fellowship and will conclude with a cookout and some fun on the Commons. Although we are not making any excursions this summer, we still need donations in order to take care of food and supplies. I know I can count on you to be generous.

As I write this, I anticipate being away for two Sundays in June: the 18th and the 25th. Ginny has planned an excursion for me the weekend of Father's Day, and the following week, we'll be returning from my high school reunion in my hometown. I'm excited about both events and am looking forward to some time away with Ginny and also to reconnecting with some old friends.

Grace and peace,

Bill

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Prayer shawl ministry will meet on Thursday, June 22nd at 2 pm in the fellowship hall. New members are always welcome.

Church Workday

The church workday will be held on Saturday, June 3rd from 9am-2pm. There is a signup sheet in the church narthex.

Study Group

Study group will meet Tuesday June 20th, at 2 pm in the fellowship hall. We will be discussing chapters 4&5 of The Secret Message of Jesus by Brian McLaren.

Supper Club

Supper Club will meet at El Chico in Knoxville on Tuesday June 13th at 6 pm. All are invited to join us for a good evening of fellowship and supporting a local cause. Let Susan Miller know if you are going so we can reserve a table.

Fellowship Breakfast

Fellowship breakfast will be held at Shoney's on Sunday, June 4th at 9am. All are invited to join!

Bible Study & Theology on Tap

Bible Study is taking a break and will resume in August.

VBS

Please put these dates in your calendars July 17-19, 2023

This year we will be keeping the Ecumenical VBS here in Norris, no excursions. The theme for this year's VBS is a Food Truck. Be prepared to learn, have fun, and make friends. More information will follow in a few weeks. We will plan to meet for a few hours in the morning like in years past.

This is a joint effort between Norris Religious Fellowship, St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Norris United Methodist Church, and St. Francis Episcopal Church.

Norris Day

Norris Day Booth

We need volunteers to sign up to work the booth, set up the tents and tables, bake cookies (see "Norris Day Cookie Bakers", face painting, & take down the tents and tables. There is a signup sheet in the church narthex. For more info contact Patti Treece [\(865\) 924-0016](tel:8659240016) or pattitreece@gmail.com.

Day Cookie Bakers

Our cookies are a popular selling item at Norris Day but we are organizing a little differently this year. Please bake cookies from your favorite recipes of only the following types of cookies, please:

Chocolate Chip

Peanut Butter

Oatmeal Raisin

Sugar

Classic Chocolate No-Bake

Snickerdoodle

Please bag your cookies with 2 cookies per bag, if they are average sized cookies. If they are smaller, put more per bag as we price them at \$1/bag. You do not have to label each bag unless you have added something beyond a basic recipe (i.e. nuts). We will have separate, labeled boxes for each type of cookie on the table. When you deliver your cookie donations, it will be helpful if you keep the cookie types separate and label the container(s) that you bring your cookies in with each type of cookie so we know which box it goes in. Sometimes chocolate chips are difficult to tell apart from oatmeal raisins. Thank you for your assistance.

Food Pantry Distribution

Next Distribution
Thursday,
June 22nd, 2023
8am-1pm

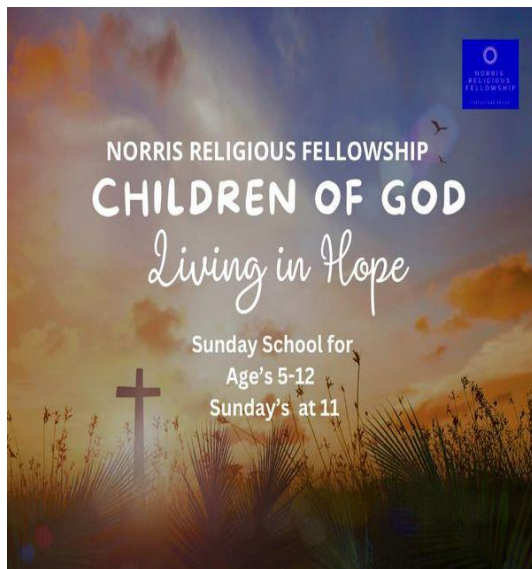
Clothing Closet
8:30am-Noon

Food Pantry Donation Focus

Household Cleaners

Clothing Closet Needs:

The Norris Area Clothing Closet needs gently use or new bath towels (any color, does not have to be a set) and men's jeans (all sizes). Items can be dropped off at Norris United Methodist Church at middle door. Please put in a plastic bag if inclement weather. Do not pack bags or boxes heavy as they have to be carried upstairs by volunteers. Contact Mary Ann Toennisson at toennisson@aol.com for questions or assistance.



PLEASE READ IF YOU HAVE A CHILD PARTICIPATING IN OUR CHILDRENS SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM.

Schools out, summer vacations are here, and the Community Ecumenical VBS is being offered July 17-19th. Lots of other fun Norris activities are happening also!

Tell us what would you like to see happen with Sunday School for June and July?

1. Continue to meet every Sunday during summer vacation
2. Meet once a month, or every other Sunday.
3. Not meet until school resumes.

Please communicate, what your kids will be able to participate in this summer.

Text responses to Michelle at 865-803-6265

Please do continue to say the Lord's Prayer at home. Also practice the hand motions we have been learning in Sunday School. Dr. Bill has invited NRFkids to say the Lord's Prayer during big church. We will work together to pick a date this summer when most all of our children will be at church.

"Our Father who art in heaven hallowed be thy name Thy kingdom come thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever." -Amen.

Executive Committee May Minutes

Norris Religious Fellowship
Executive Committee Meeting
4 May 2023

Present: Bill Ireland, Tracy Crouch-Hubbs, Joan Hughes, Jocelyn Borgers, Lee Borgers, and Susan Bowling

Bill opened the meeting with a prayer.

Minutes: Joan motioned to approve as written, Tracy 2nd, motion carried

Financial Report: For March we were in the positive by about \$55.

Ministers Report:

Accompanist – Bill was contacted by Lydia Barbour about the position. She will be at church on Sunday May 7.

Bill has followed up with names people have given him about *gutters* and called several but no one has called him back

Ecumenical Ministers Group met and discussed *VBS*. This year VBS will be July 17 - 19.

The *Church Workday* is planned for *June 3*. Items that need doing in order of importance.

1. Exterior (& Interior) Windows
2. Mesh on wall outside of Library/Mens Bathroom
3. Paint Handicapped Spots
4. Remove moss from office roof and sidewalk near office

Other items that need doing as time and people allow

- Paint Exterior of Shed
- Remove Junk around Building
- Paint Lampposts
- Inventory and deep clean kitchen

Bill will be gone the weekend of June 24

Old Business:

Alarm System – Security Equipment will be our provider

Defibrillator – a new battery has been installed

New Business:

Nominating Committee – it time to get a new Nominating Committee. Suggested were Emily Ott, Linda Crouch, and Jim Ryland. They will be contacted to see if they'll serve. Those whose terms expire are Jocelyn Borgers, Susan Bowling, Lee Borgers, and Louna Koeut (Asst Treas)

90 Year Anniversary – Our 90-year birthday as a church is next year. We are still working on a committee to plan the celebration. The City's 75 celebration will be on May 18. The EC thought it would be a good to follow right behind the city's celebration and have ours on May 19. We'll probably have another photo and a dinner, possibly catered. We'll look at inviting former ministers, Interims, friends and members.

Next meeting planned for Thursday, June 1.



PRAYER REQUESTS

The family of Betty Lovell
The family of Kay Bowling
Kathy Decker
Linda Tafelski's mother
Jackson Igou
Wayne Chaniott
Lisa Rains
Marcia Slagle

If you have a prayer request, you may send them to the church email at

Let's Pray for one another

A simple way to do this is through our birthday calendar

June Birthday's

- 2 Ellalyn Crossno
- 3 Loy Johnson
- 9 Camille Romer
- 16 Dianne Cole
- 17 Emily Ott
- 20 William Borgers
- 24 Sally Haverkamp
- 25 Shannan Greenhouse
- 26 Hunter Vann
- 28 Jay Miller
- 28 Alison Greenhouse

Don't see your birthday listed?
please email the church office at
norrisrf@comcast.net so we can add you.

Coffee & Fellowship

June 4th – David Hughes

June 11th – Pat Gregory and Dianne Cole

June 18th – Mary Shelton & Emily Ott

June 25th – Wendy Hall and Tom Post

June Greeters

June 4th - Jim Ryland

June 11th - Mary Shelton

June 18th - Penny Duerksen

June 25th - Susan Bowling

Altar Flowers

1st Sunday - Michelle Leach Queener

2nd Sunday – Easter Lilies

3rd Sunday - Debra Simmons

4th Sunday- Joan Hughes